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Dear Parent/Carer

The children had their 'Understanding Emotions' workshops on Thursday. The children participated well in these and have hopefully learnt lots about their emotions. Kite Class explored how their bodies show feelings such as anger and calm, then created and labelled their own body outlines (on A3 paper) to illustrate the many different emotions and actions they identified. Kingfisher class learnt about all the words we use to describe our emotions. They learned techniques for keeping calm when experiencing big emotions and all about deep breathing. They might be able to describe 'hot chocolate' breathing to you at home! Harrier class children came up with some excellent emotion words like irritated and enthusiastic.



Following this we have our session for parents on Tuesday evening. I really hope lots of you attend these, they are very helpful sessions. Please let the office know which session you will be attending. I will be running a creche for both.

It has been reported to me by a visitor to the school that some people are driving in the village hall car park whilst on their phones. Please can I ask you all to ensure that you are not on your phones as you drive around the car park, you need to be vigilant for any children walking around. Please be safe to keep all our children safe.

The school council would like to request donations of any small plastic toys (that you can fit inside a toilet roll) so that they can put into crackers they are making for the Christmas Fair. They would also like empty toilet rolls. Please ask your child to give these to their school councillors.

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Interested in training to teach, primary or secondary, in the Somerset or South Gloucestershire area?



Graduating this summer?

Whatever your degree subject we'd love to hear from you!

Live **online** drop-in session for more info:

Wednesday 3rd December 2025 at 10am

Priory Community School Academy



Email: teachertraining@theplt.org.uk or use the QR code below to book your place



<https://tinyurl.com/TPLTtraining>

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Starting school September 2026

Parents and carers of children due to start school in September 2026 can apply now [Apply to start school for the first time \(somerset.gov.uk\)](https://www.somerset.gov.uk/apply-to-start-school-for-the-first-time)

A child can start school in September after they turn 4. All applications for a starting school place in September 2026 must be made to your home authority. If you are unsure if your child lives in Somerset, you can [check whether we are your local authority](#) for school admissions.

Free Panto – Not Getting Inn! St. Cleers' Community Pantomime

St. Cleers Chapel are delighted to present 4Front Theatre company for a show bursting at the seams with Christmas slapstick fun and laughter on Friday, November 28 · 6 - 7:15pm at 5:30pm.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/not-getting-inn-st-cleers-community-pantomime-tickets-1741475964489?aff=oddtcreator>

PTFA UPDATES

PTFA FOLLOW US ON SOCIALS

For regular updates about the school & the PTFA, please follow us on Facebook & Instagram @longsuttonprimaryptfa.

Your School Lottery

Please consider joining our school lottery & tell everyone you know! To start supporting us visit www.yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for 'Long Sutton Primary'.

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Donation Grid – 24th November

Next week, on Monday 24th, there will be a donation grid displayed on the school gate. If you are able to support the Senior Citizens' Nativity, please pop your name down for any items you can donate.

We really do rely on these contributions, and your support is genuinely appreciated. Thank you in advance for helping us make this event extra special.

Christmas Jumper Donations

Although we didn't receive many Christmas jumper donations, the PTFA will be in the playground next Thursday and Friday at pick-up time. Please feel free to help yourself to any jumpers available.

Second-Hand Uniform – Parents' Evening

The PTFA will also have the Second-Hand Uniform Stand available during Parents' Evenings on the 10th and 11th of December. If you are in need of any items, please do take a look.

Wreath Making Workshop – 1 Ticket Available

We now have one wreath-making workshop ticket available! If you would like to purchase it, please follow the link below:

www.pta-events.co.uk/longsuttonprimary

Thank you for your continued support!

Support Sessions for Parents – all welcome

[Online Flipbook](#) – click to this for more information and to book.

This term there are sessions on:

- Supporting your child's big feelings
- Helping your child to thrive: building self-esteem and resilience
- Helping your child and teen sleep: tools, tips and techniques



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SEN Workshops

These include workshops around Dyslexia, Autism, Sensory issues, Social Stories, Emotional Based School Avoidance, sleep etc. They are very good sessions; I recommend booking in on them. Click below to book on to them.

WISE Up Workshops

Snacks

Please remember to send your child in Y3 – 6 to school with a fruit or veg snack. No bars, crisps, sweets etc. If the snack is in a pot, please name it.

Nut free school (inc. Toy Box)

We have multiple children in school at present with a nut allergy. Please do not give your child food/snacks to bring into school containing any type of nut or nut product, e.g. Nutella and Peanut Butter. Thank you for your support.

Is my child too ill for school?

It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above. Further guidance can be found here - [NHS 'Is my child too ill for school?' guidance](#)

Article 28 The right to education

Children and young people said:

- School is a place where we access support and other services. It's a place which supports our physical, emotional and mental health.
- Health services and schools should work together to help us with school attendance.

We are looking at improving the ways healthcare, education and other services for children and young people work together to better meet their needs:

- We would like to hear your views on healthcare related school absence and how our services could be improved
- If you would like to help, please scan the QR codes opposite for links to anonymously complete our surveys!

Please share your views on health-related school absence...

Scan for parent or carer questionnaire: [QR Code]

Scan for young person's questionnaire: [QR Code]

RCPCH & Us Find out more... For useful links and tips on participation on children's rights go to www.rcpch.ac.uk/rightsmatter

Attendance – Unauthorised Term-Time Leave

All children have a legal right to suitable, full-time education. There is no entitlement for children to have time off from school during term-time for the purposes of a holiday, recreational or protest activity.

The School Attendance (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2024 set out the statutory requirements for schools:

- all references to family holidays and extended leave have been removed, including the removal of the H code for approved leave,
- headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are "exceptional circumstances",
- headteachers do not have any discretion to authorise up to ten days of absence each academic year.

We expect all pupils to attend regularly. As such, any requests for term-time leave will be considered but only approved if the reasons and circumstances for that leave are exceptional and unavoidable.

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[See policy for more details.](#)

Dates for the diary

Parents to share work Cygnet & Harrier
Parents to share work Kingfisher
Parents to share work Kite
Choir Concert Huish Academy
Choir Concert Wells Cathedral
Parents Evening*
Parents Evening*
Senior Citizens Nativity Performance
Cygnet Matinee Nativity Performance
Kingfisher Evening Nativity Performance
School Christmas Lunch
Kingfisher Matinee Nativity Performance
Cygnet Evening Nativity Performance
Church Carol Service
Mufti Day
School Christmas Fair
Inset Day

Monday 01st December at 3.15pm
Tuesday 02nd December at 3.15pm
Wednesday 03rd December at 3.15pm
Wednesday 03rd December at 5pm
Monday 08th December
Wednesday 10th December 3.45pm-6pm
Thursday 11th December 3.45pm-6pm
Monday 15th December
Tuesday 16th December at 2.30pm
Tuesday 16th December at 6pm
Wednesday 17th December
Wednesday 17th December at 2.30pm
Wednesday 17th December at 6pm
Thursday 18th December at 2.30pm
Friday 19th December
Friday 19th December at 2.15pm
Monday 5th January

*sign up sheets will be out in the playground on Wednesday afternoon and everyday thereafter.

**If you have concerns about your children's wellbeing or mental health please contact me (Lizzie Reynolds) as the schools Senior Mental Health Lead.
Safeguarding (Protecting children from harm/keeping them safe)**

In school we have a duty to ensure that all children are safe and protect from harm or abuse. If we have concerns about a child's wellbeing it is our duty to look into this, talk to the family, and if need be, report it to Somerset Direct.

If you have any concerns about your child, or another, please come and speak to me. Safeguarding is everyone's business and cannot be ignored. Somerset Direct (0300 123 2224) or the NSPCC are useful points of contact, should you wish to share or discuss any Safeguarding concerns you have. Here are some useful websites recommended by our DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead – Lizzie Reynolds).

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Best wishes

Mrs Lizzie Reynolds

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